

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.:

Filing Date: Herewith

Applicant: Toshiya Yokogawa, et al.

Group Art Unit: 2814

Examiner:

Title: Semiconductor Device

Attorney Docket: 5077-000073/COA

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION**  
**UNDER M.P.E.P. §708.02, VIII**

1. **Petition**

Applicant hereby petitions to make this new application, which has not received any examination by the Examiner, special.

2. **Claims**

*(check and complete all applicable items (a) through (c))*

- (a) ☒ All the claims in this case are directed to a single invention.
- (b) ☐ If the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, then application will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status.
- (c) ☐ If claims \_\_\_\_\_ are found not to be examinable in this case with claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_, then applicant hereby elects claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ for the prosecution of this case.

### 3. Search

*(check all applicable items (d) through (g))*

A search has been made by

- (d) ☐ the inventor
- (e) ☐ attorney
- (f) ☐ professional searcher
- (g) ☒ foreign patent office

in the following:

*(complete all applicable items below)*

- (h) ☒ field of search: H01L29/872, H01L21/338, H01L29/812  
class(es) 7 subclass(es) \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) ☐ publications:
- (j) ☐ foreign patents:
- (k) ☐ search by corresponding foreign patent office or at the former International Patent Institute at The Hague, Netherlands.

### 4. Copy of References

There is submitted herewith a copy of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims.

☒ Also attached are Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449).

### 5. Detailed Discussion of the References

There is submitted herewith a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion particularly points out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over the references.

*Note: As to all other references not treated above, an Information Disclosure Statement should be filed.*

☒ Also attached is an Information Disclosure Statement.

6. **Fee**

The fee required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) (\$130.00) is to be paid by

☒ Attached is a ☒ check ☐ money order in the amount of \$130.00

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